

MILTON T. HOLT HOME.  
NEAR WASHINGTON, ARK. (8 miles N.E.)  
Hempstead Co.

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807 SOUTHERN BLDG. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

MILTON T. HOLT HOUSE  
Eight Miles Northeast of Washington  
Hempstead County  
Arkansas

HISTORY:

Located about 8 miles Northeast of Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas, on the Old Military road, the first road to be built across the State and an Old Indian Trail. The house was erected by William Yates on ground that was a land grant directly from the United States Land Office and signed by President J. Q. Adams in 1820. The house is two stories, frame and built of hand finished framing and lumber including, floors, doors and trim. It is plastered on hand hewn lath. The foundation is of hand made brick. At present, the house is in fair state of preservation - remaining in the Holt Family all these years and who occupy the house during the summer.

The house was the scene of many social gatherings of distinguished families during the early days of Arkansas history. Judge Holt, during the war hid his wheat and that of his neighbors in secret spaces between the walls and which led to hiding places for Confederate soldiers.

Federal troops were encamped near the house and a Federal Physician, Dr. E. D. Ayres fell in love with Miss Attelia Holt, daughter of Judge Holt. After the war they were married and Dr. Ayres moved to Little Rock to become one of Little Rock's early physicians.

The house is now owned by Mrs. Sally Holt, 78 years old, widow of Travis O. Holt, son of Judge Milton T. Holt, who was County Judge 1858-66, Sheriff in 1862 until his death in 1865.

Source of information:  
Mrs. Lee A. Holt and Mrs. C. M. Williams,  
Washington, Arkansas.

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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The two-storey frame Holt House has an "ell" at the rear. At the front is a small porch with pediment resting on its roof. Perhaps the pediment was the roof of an older porch. The columns of the present porch are square and the balusters are plain. Pilaster strips have been placed on the corners of the building. The chimneys abut against the raking cornices, although they are of the freestanding variety.

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